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## **Director Frakes Comments on Collaboration with LF&R**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – Today, Director Frakes provided the following statement regarding the collaboration between NDCS and Lincoln Fire and Rescue. A new protocol, the details of which are not available to the public, has been developed collaboratively and will be in place October 1, 2016.

“I am thankful for the work Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LF&R) does every day to provide emergency response to the citizens of Lincoln. Having four facilities in Lincoln creates a need for us to interact closely with LF&R.

Chief Despain and I met recently to discuss needed process improvements and I appreciate the cooperation from him, team and each individual within LF&R as they work with us in our mission to keep people safe. The relationship between Lincoln Fire and Rescue and NDCS is invaluable and has been enhanced by our recent meetings.

I am confident with the newly developed protocol and the commitment of LF&R to provide the best patient care possible, access into and out of the facilities will be greatly improved, which will allow LF&R to do what they do in the most efficient manner possible.”

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